

## COMMISSION ACTS IN GUILD CASE

Renders Opinion Prescribing  
Mode of Procedure as to  
Fraternal Orders.

### CASE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

If Further Action Is Had It Must  
Be by Him on Motion of  
Bureau.

After hearing argument by Mr. John S. Eggleston, attorney for the American Guild, in which he sought to show that the Corporation Commission has no jurisdiction over purely fraternal orders, that body entered an order yesterday, setting out that no action was necessary upon the recent report of the Insurance Commissioner with reference to the affairs of the Guild. The order also asserts that in the event further action is proper, it should be under section 8, of chapter V, of the act creating a bureau of insurance by the Attorney-General, under a report from the Insurance Commissioner. The order of the commission so clearly sets out the position of that body that it is printed in full.

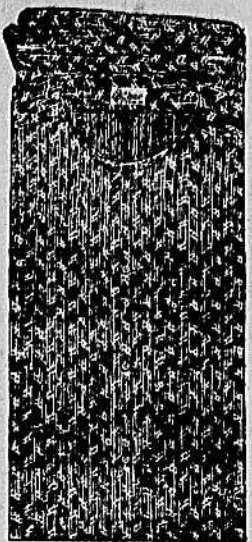
**Commissioner's Opinion.**  
It follows:  
Department of the State Corporation Commission.  
City of Richmond,  
5th day of June, 1907.  
In the matter of the report of the Commissioner of Insurance on the American Guild.  
This day came the Commonwealth by the Assistant Attorney-General and the American Guild, by its attorney, and the said report and the answer of the American Guild thereto being read by the commission, and having heard the argument of counsel, the commission is of opinion and doth hereby decide that the Commissioner of Insurance, under section 5 of chapter V, of the act entitled "An act concerning the Bureau of Insurance and Insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violations," approved March 9, 1906, has full authority to examine the books, accounts and assets of the American Guild for the purpose of verifying its annual report, and that under that section no action is required of this commission.  
The commission is further of the opinion and doth decide that in the event that any further action in this matter is proper, it should only be under section 8 of chapter V, of said act by the Attorney-General under a report to him emanating from the Bureau of Insurance of this department.

Judge Prentiss sits.  
This was the first case in which the new chairman, Judge Prentiss, has appeared, and he showed a familiarity with his duties, which was at once remarkable.

Assistant Attorney-General Robert

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Callott was present to look after the interests of the State, though he took no part in the proceedings. Commissioner Button and his attorney, Mr. Charles G. Taylor, were also in the courtroom.

Mr. Eggleston argued at some length that the commission had no jurisdiction to receive or act upon reports of the Insurance Bureau concerning fraternal orders, and he was asked a number of questions by Chairman Prentiss. He cited several sections from the act referred to above to bear out his contentions, and evidently impressed the commission with his argument.

**Attorney-General's Duty.**  
"If the order fails to make its report, and should it come to the knowledge of the commissioner that a fraudulent business is being conducted," said the attorney, "it is stipulated in the report that the Attorney-General of the State shall be at once notified, and that there is not one word or syllable authorizing the commission to look into the affairs of a fraternal benefit order."

It is believed the matter will rest where it is. Under the ruling of the commission, it cannot come up, except through the Attorney-General, upon motion of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Colonel Button will not discuss the matter, but the impression prevails in official circles that it will rest where it is.

## Daily Court Record

**Law and Equity Court.**  
Decrees entered yesterday: Alva B. Cousins vs. Rosa A. Groot, etc. Distribution of the fund to the credit of the court in the cause.  
Ho. Pippa, executor, etc., vs. James D. Sheal. Directing the sale of certain real estate as mentioned and described in the cause.  
Victoria Norton vs. Philip Norton, for a divorce.  
Frank Doyle vs. Josephine Doyle, for a divorce.  
Suit instituted: Laura McGraw vs. Pleasant McGraw, for a divorce.  
John B. Gayle vs. Frank Kramer, for \$100 damages.

**Circuit Court.**  
Judgments entered yesterday: R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company vs. The Southern Railway Company, for \$45.00.  
Suits dismissed yesterday: R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company vs. The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company.  
Case set for to-day: R. F. Hamaker vs. J. S. Borden.

**Hastings Court.**  
Several small civil cases occupied the attention of this court yesterday. Nothing of public interest was disposed of during the day.

### NEW VIRGINIA CONCERNS.

The Corporation Commission Has Issued the Following Charters.

**Farmers and Merchants Bank of Louisa (Inc.),** Louisa, F. L. Woolfolk, president; D. E. Hanna, vice-president; W. M. Perkins, J. A. Kent, J. C. Baughman—all of Louisa. Capital: maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$5,000.

**Stephen A. Ellison & Co. (Inc.),** Richmond, S. A. Ellison, president; T. B. Johnson, L. C. Grant—all of Richmond. Capital: maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$5,000.

**The Lebanon Telephone Company,** Lebanon, R. S. Meach, president; C. Alderson, V. B. Gilmer, L. L. Bays, C. S. Burns—all of Lebanon. Capital: maximum, \$5,000; minimum, \$300.

**Crown Amusement Company (Inc.),** Norfolk, Asa G. Neville, president; Irdle Mutchler, vice-president; Carl Peterson, secretary and treasurer—all of Norfolk. Capital: maximum, \$50,000; minimum, \$1,000.

**Rappahannock Telephone Company,** Oak Grove, D. H. Griffith, president; H. W. Coates, vice-president; Charles Hayes, secretary; R. B. Spilman, Andrew Fiemer, W. D. Wirt, F. W. Alexander—all of Oak Grove, Va. Capital: maximum, \$5,000; minimum, \$500.

**Potomac Improvement Company (Inc.),** Alexandria, E. L. Cockrell, president; F. W. Holt, vice-president; J. S. Tomlinson, secretary and treasurer—all of Washington, D. C. Capital: maximum, \$50,000; minimum, \$10,000.

**Grand United Order of Knights of Damon,** Richmond, J. C. Randolph, G. B. Bryant, R. L. Jasper—all of Richmond. No capital stock. Fraternal insurance.

### NAME ELECTION OFFICERS.

City Committee Called to Meet at Murphy's June 14th.

Chairman James B. Doherty has issued a call for a meeting of the City Democratic Committee at Murphy's on Friday evening, June 14th.

The meeting will be for the purpose of naming the election officers for the coming legislative primary, and for the transaction of such other business as may arise in the meantime.

It is announced that the polls will close on the evening of the primary at 7 o'clock, instead of 8, as has been usual.

The ticket is short, and the early closing of the polls will enable the officers to make up their reports at an early hour.

## AUCTION SALES AND REAL ESTATE NOTES

Business Has Been Resumed After  
Reunion Holiday—Clay  
Street Property Sold.

The reunion festivities have been disastrous to the real estate business for a week past. Other attractions deprived auctioneers of audiences when they sought to sell under the hammer, and the same attractions made office business dull. But all of that is over now, and decided activity may be looked for from now on. A number of large deals that have been hanging on the string, and that have been held back for one reason or another, will undoubtedly come to a climax this week or next.

Messrs. J. B. Elam & Co. have this week sold the lot and dwelling No. 308 East Clay Street to Charles A. Metzger for \$5,750 cash. The property was formerly owned by Samuel Jacobs.

The following auction sales are announced for to-day:

At 8 o'clock, by Pollard & Bagby, three small brick dwellings at southwest corner Twenty-eighth and M Streets.

At 8:30, by James H. Crenshaw, five small frame houses at Thirtieth and N Streets, and immediately after these, three of the same kind on Thirty-second Street, between O and P Streets.

The sale announced for Saturday by N. W. Bowe & Son of the attractive suburban property at the Hermitage Road, known as "Rosewood," has been, for good reasons, postponed to Saturday, June 15th.

### Property Transfers.

Richmond: Benj. M. Tyler and Charles M. and J. Herbert Thompson and wives to Mary Thompson, interest in 28 feet on south side of a twenty-foot road, running into Park Avenue, 25 feet west of Sycamore Street, \$1,100.

William L. Carnall and wife to Margaret A. Shields, trustee, 35 5-12 feet on west line of Randolph Street, 90 7-12 feet south of Taylor Street, \$4,350.

Same to Martin D. Shields, 15 7-13 feet on west line of Randolph Street, 72 feet south of Taylor Street, \$2,000.

Emma S. and S. Grant Shields, executors, to Margaret A. Shields, executrix, 25 feet on south line of Marshall Street, 348 feet west of Graham Street, \$3,000.

Julian W. Tyler and wife to Henry W. Wood, 51 feet on north line of Franklin Street, 155 feet west of Allison Street, \$7,140.

Horne A. Blanche A. and Ethel Redford, Julia and C. C. Bodoker, and Oscar P. Redwood and wife, to Howard D. Hoge, 28 3-8 feet on Grace Street, southwest corner of Lombard Street, \$10,500.

Henry W. Wallerstein and wife to Hayward F. Taylor, 55 feet on east line of Thirty-third Street, 100 feet south of Marshall Street, \$3,000.

Trusted L. Young, Daughters of Enoch, to James B. Roano, 88 feet on north line of Preston Street, between Second and Third, \$875.

Nello T. Janie P. and Hattie C. Dickson and Fannie P. and S. M. Torian, to Carrie B. Alvey, 20 feet on south line of Grace Street, 40 feet east of Lyland Street, \$7,600.

Patrick Hagan and wife to Ida Lee Birindelli, 30 feet on south line of Windsor Street, 130 feet east of Randolph Street, \$18.

John A. Moss to Permina Moss, 25 feet on Duval Street, No. 418, west, consideration, love and affection.  
W. W. Williams and wife to J. Rufus Smith, 19 1-2 feet on Graham Street, northwest corner of Tompkins Street, \$250.  
James A. and Joseph D. Gresham and wives to Richard H. Gresham, interest in 20 feet on west side of Twenty-fifth Street, between Clay and Leigh Streets, \$1,668.66.  
Lina Bailox and John M. Wheat, \$50 cents.

Sarah A. Swain, 24 feet on north line of Grove Avenue, 24 feet east of Vine Street, subject to a deed of trust for \$3,320, \$10.  
P. J. Mitchell and wife to Charles K. Willis, 25 feet on east line of Twenty-third Street, 75 feet south of T Street, \$5.  
G. B. Wood and wife, to same, 25 feet on east line of Twenty-third Street, 50 feet south of T Street, \$25.  
Charles K. Willis and wife to Edward A. Wessel, 50 feet on east line of Twenty-third Street, 50 feet south of T Street, \$1,800.

Henrico: Citizens' Bank of Richmond and the Citizens Exchange Bank, to W. E. Purcell, Jr., lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10 in block 1, plan of Brookland Park.

W. M. Perkins and wife to same, lots Nos. 10 and 11 in block 7, lots Nos. 19 and 22 in block No. 9, and lots Nos. 21 and 22 in block No. 17, and lot No. 26 in block No. 8, plan of Brookland Park, and east 60 feet of lots Nos. 10 and 12 in block No. 3, plan of Barton Heights, \$750.

The Tax Title Company, of Richmond, to Benj. R. Robins, 36 acres adjoining the lands of Albert Fisher's estate and others, \$125.

M. W. and F. H. Cleaton to B. R. Robins, interest in the property described in deed next above, 75.

J. Thompson and Lefroy E. Brown and wife to the Brookland 42d Corporation, 87.18 acres at northwest corner of Laburnum Avenue and Brook Turnpike, \$32,821.

B. C. Wherry, Jr., to W. E. Purcell, Jr., lots Nos. 16 and 17 in block No. 1, plan of Brookland Park, \$200.

F. E. Bond and wife to Margaret Nichols, 8 acres between the Charles City and Darbytown Roads, \$45.

Cornelius Blinford and wife, and Caledonia Blinford to Albert School, 40.98 acres between Osborne and Varina Roads, about 7 miles east of Richmond, \$240.

S. P. Hite to Cyrus Creigh, lot No. 11 in square 39, plan of Highland Park addition, \$150.

E. D. Starko to W. A. Dabney, lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 2, plan Brookland Park addition, \$2,000.

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